



ANDERSON
College of NURSING

University of NORTH ALABAMA

First Time Freshman Early Admission Option

The Anderson College of Nursing (ACON) will offer early admission (EAdm) to a select group of highly qualified high school seniors who plan to seek a career in nursing. Applicants must be admitted to UNA and the application packet for the EAdm option must be **received** by February 1. This select group of students will be guaranteed admission into the traditional nursing option as long as all requirements are met. A dedicated nursing advisor will be assigned to all EAdm students to help them develop a course schedule each semester. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the EAdm option.

Criteria for eligibility:

- Minimum high school GPA requirement of 3.5, based on a 4.0 system, at the time of application.
- Admitted and enrolled full-time in courses at UNA, by the fall semester immediately following high school graduation.
- Complete an EAdm application for the ACON, located on the ACON website.
- Along with the EAdm application, students must submit an essay.
- Admission into the University Honors Program

Requirements for EAdm students:

Students selected for the EAdm option must complete all pre-requisite coursework listed in the UNA undergraduate Catalog while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Additionally, students must complete the requirements listed below to be guaranteed early admission placement.

- Meet with assigned advisor at least once per semester.
- Be continuously enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester, (excluding summer).
- Make acceptable progress with expected date of entry into the traditional nursing options in 4-5 semesters, (excluding summer).
- Meet all current application requirements.
- Students must complete an application for the traditional nursing option to the ACON during the last semester (fall or spring) of their prerequisite coursework.
- Maintain good standing in the University Honors Program.
- Complete and submit traditional nursing application during final semester (fall or spring) of prerequisite coursework.

- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA at the time of application and the entrance exam requirement will be waived. EAdm students who do not maintain the required cumulative GPA will be required to complete the entrance exam.
 - If cumulative GPA is 3.25-3.49 during the application cycle, the EAdm student must take the entrance exam and pass by 85% minimum cumulative score to qualify for guaranteed placement.

Students who do not meet these criteria are eligible for admission, but will be placed in the general traditional application pool.

Application Process:

In order to be considered for the Early Admission Option, the following must be received by February 1.

- ✓ Admission to UNA
- ✓ Application submitted to the University Honors Program
- ✓ EAdm Packet submitted with:
 - ✓ Completed EAdm application
 - ✓ Essay
 - ✓ Unofficial copy of high school transcript

Essay:

Please attach a short essay (maximum of two pages, double spaced in 12 font). The information provided in the essay is very important to the selection process. Please answer the following questions. A maximum of 15 points is possible. Refer to the rubric for grading criteria.

- What is the role of a nurse?
- What qualities do **you** possess and consider essential to the nursing profession?
- What is your reason for pursuing a nursing degree?

Early Admission Option Essay Rubric

	Target (3 points)	Acceptable (2)	Unacceptable (1)	Illegible (0)
Conveys thoughts effectively	Presents written ideas clearly and effectively. Ideas are well organized.	Presents written ideas with only 1 or 2 errors in organization and/or clarity.	Presents written communication with 3 or more errors in clarity and/or organization.	Insufficient to score.
Uses correct grammar	No errors in grammar, spelling, and/or punctuation in written communication.	1 to 2 errors in grammar, spelling, and/or punctuation in written communication.	3 or more grammatical, spelling, and/or punctuation problems or use of slang in written communication.	Insufficient to score.
What is the role of a nurse?	Role of a nurse clearly defined. Grammar and language is appropriate and professional.	Role of a nurse not clearly defined. Use of slang or improper grammar weakens the scholarly composition of the essay.	Role of nurse not defined. 3 or more grammatical, spelling, and/or punctuation problems or use of slang in written communication.	Insufficient to score.
What qualities do you possess and consider essential to the nursing profession?	Qualities essential to the nursing profession clearly defined. Grammar and language is appropriate and professional.	Qualities essential to the nursing profession not clearly defined. Use of slang or improper grammar weakens the scholarly composition of the essay	Qualities essential to the nursing profession not defined. 3 or more grammatical, spelling, and/or punctuation problems or use of slang in written communication.	Insufficient to score.
What is your reason for pursuing a nursing degree?	Clearly stated reasons for pursuing a nursing degree. Grammar and language is appropriate and professional.	Reasons for pursuing a nursing degree not clearly stated. Use of slang or improper grammar weakens the scholarly composition of the essay.	Reasons not related to question. 3 or more grammatical, spelling, and/or punctuation problems or use of slang in written communication.	Insufficient to score.



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Please print clearly or type:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone (____) _____ Email Address: _____

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true, to the best of my knowledge.
Applications received after February 1 will not be considered.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Please submit completed application, essay and unofficial high school transcripts to:

**University of North Alabama
Anderson College of Nursing
1 Harrison Plaza
UNA Box 5054
Florence, AL 35632**